

REMARKS:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the claims to "Invention 1" identified in the final Office Action (i.e., Applicant elects the invention of claims 1-5, 28, and 29), and Applicant cancels claims 30-31 to the non-elected invention without prejudice and with the intention to preserve the option to file a continuing application to pursue the canceled claims.

Claims 1-5 have been allowed.

Claims 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103(a) over US Patent 5,534,857. In response, claims 28 and 29 are canceled.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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